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CHANGE IN DESIGN OF GREEN BOTTLED-IN-BOND STRIP STAMPS

Proprietors of distilled spirits plants
and others concerned:

Purpose. The purpose of this circular is to call your attention to a change in the design of domestic bottled-in-bond strip stamps.

Background. As you are aware, green strip stamps affixed to bottles of spirits bottled in bond for domestic use are presently required to be overprinted with the season and year of production and the season and year of bottling of such spirits. Until recently, the design of the stamps was such that the word "MADE", under which the season and year of production is to appear, and the word "BOTTLED", under which the season and year of bottling is to appear, were positioned near the end of the stamp bearing the serial number, or in the case of stamps of less than $\frac{1}{2}$ -pint denomination, on the right hand end of the stamp. However, since many bottlers were applying state stamps to the ends of strip stamps, the information relative to time of production and bottling has frequently been obscured. In order to alleviate this problem, the area upon which the time of production and bottling is to be overprinted on green bottled-in-bond strip stamps is currently being relocated on all green stamps except those of the less-than- $\frac{1}{2}$ -pint denomination.

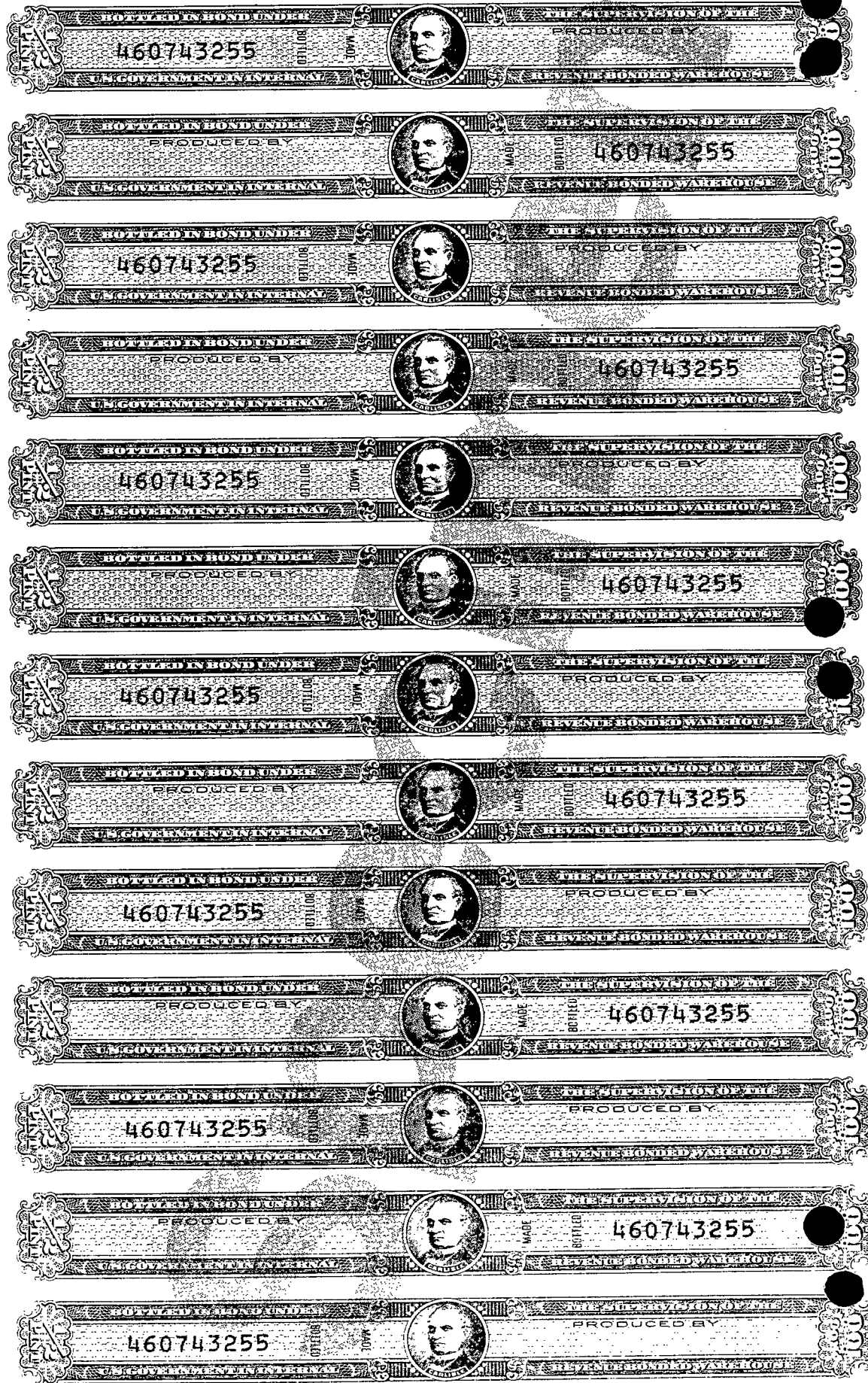
Change in design. As you can see on the exhibit on the inside of this circular, the area on which the season and year of production and the season and year of bottling is to be overprinted has been moved to a location nearer to the center of the stamp. This change has already been made on the green strip stamps of the $\frac{1}{2}$ -pint denomination which are currently being issued and it will also be reflected on green strip stamps of larger denominations which will be issued on and after May 1, 1972.

Action by bottlers. Proprietors who overprint green strip stamps should adjust their printing equipment to conform to the new design of the stamps. If they have the overprinting done by a commercial printer, they should inform him of the change so that he may make the necessary adjustment. The strip stamps shown in the exhibit accompanying this circular have been printed in the actual size so that they may be used as specimens in adjusting printing equipment.

Amendment of regulations. 26 CFR 201.544, which requires that the time of production and bottling be overprinted on the end of green strip stamps, will be appropriately amended in the near future.

Inquiries. Inquiries regarding this circular should refer to its number and be addressed to your assistant regional commissioner, alcohol, tobacco and firearms.

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consists of 50 stamps.

